

# House Study Bill 65 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON MILLER)

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to food assistance program eligibility
- 2 requirements.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. DIRECTIVES TO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
2 — FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)  
3 ELIGIBILITY.

4     1. Beginning July 1, 2015, the department of human services  
5 shall eliminate categorical eligibility for the federal  
6 supplemental nutrition assistance program.

7     2. The department of human services shall instead implement  
8 income eligibility for the program at 130 percent of the  
9 federal poverty level and shall implement the asset test for  
10 eligibility, consistent with SNAP requirements. The department  
11 shall include as many food assistance households as is allowed  
12 by federal law. The eligibility provisions shall conform to  
13 all federal requirements including requirements addressing  
14 individuals who are incarcerated or otherwise ineligible.

15     3. The department of human services shall request federal  
16 approval of any state plan amendment necessary to implement the  
17 SNAP provisions under the provisions of this Act.

18                                     EXPLANATION

19                     The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
20                     the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21     This bill relates to food assistance program eligibility  
22 requirements.

23     The bill directs the department of human services (DHS)  
24 to eliminate categorical eligibility for the food assistance  
25 program and to instead implement income eligibility for  
26 the program at 130 percent of the federal poverty level  
27 and an asset test for eligibility, consistent with federal  
28 supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) requirements.

29     The bill requires DHS to request federal approval of any  
30 state plan amendment necessary to implement the SNAP provisions  
31 under the bill.